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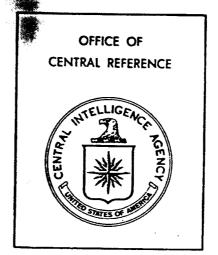
Basilio Arturo Ignacio LAMI DOZO (Phonetic: LAHmeenDOHso)

ARGENTINA

Commander in Chief Air Force; Member, Ruling Junta (since 17 December 1981)

Addressed as: General Lami Dozo

Maj. Gen. Basilio Lami Dozo was secretary general of the Air Force for over three years and chief of air operations for one year before assuming his present posts.



A politician known for his ability, intelligence, and frankness, he is expected to become an important spokesman for the ruling junta, while displaying a flexible yet pragmatic orientation within the group. A highly political general, he is comfortable with the give and take of politics, and he has an impressive network of civilian contacts. Using his effective, low-key approach, Lami Dozo will probably push for accommodation among the various political forces in Argentina.

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Lami Dozo is anti-Communist, anti-Peronist, and highly nationalistic. As an influential member of the government hierarchy, for the past several years he has played an active role in negotiations between Chile and Argentina over the sovereignty of the Beagle Channel. He has been open and friendly with US officials in Argentina,

to this country several times and speaks with fondness of these trips.

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A 1950 graduate of the Military Aviation School, Lami Dozo subsequently served for 14 years at the Palomar Air Force Base in Buenos Aires. In 1966 he trained at McGuire Air Force Base on C-130 aircraft. During 1972-73 he was stationed in Canada as a delegate to the International Civil Aviation Organization. Lami Dozo, 52, speaks English and French. Married, he has two sons and three daughters.

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